

## RECORDING SCRIPTS

This file Recording Scripts contains transcripts of the listening exercises, LanguageCert listening tests and the lyrics of the songs on the Gate CD.



## CD Track 1

**Two Brits Abroad**

**Waitress:** Dobrý den, pánové. Co si dáte?

**Gary:** What's she saying Darren?

**Darren:** I haven't got a clue, mate.

**Gary:** What are you saying, love? Can't understand a word. DO. YOU. SPEAK. ENGLISH?

**Darren:** ENG-LISH!

**Waitress:** Yes, I do speak English. I've been learning since I was six years old. What would you gentlemen like?

**Darren:** I'll have the fish and chips. And a cup of tea.

**Gary:** I'll have the fish and chips too. And a coke.

**Waitress:** We have Kofola, if you'd like to try that. It's like Czech cola.

**Gary:** Kofo-what?

**Waitress:** Ko-fo-la. It's really popular in our country.

**Gary:** No, no, no, I don't think so. Just bring me the normal coke that normal people drink.

**Waitress:** Fine, two fish and chips, one coke and one tea. What tea would you like, sir? We have green tea, fruit tea...

**Darren (horrified):** FRUIT TEA????? Oh dear, oh dear. No, thank you. Black tea. Drop of milk. Two sugars.

**Waitress:** Certainly. Thank you, gentlemen.

**Gary:** So what's the plan for this afternoon?

**Darren:** Well, the Manchester United vs Liverpool game is on at three so we should find somewhere to watch it.

**Gary:** Don't forget that that's four o'clock here Darren, they have different time.

**Darren:** Oh yeah. What's wrong with British time? Why do they have to change everything?

**Gary:** I don't know mate, it's crazy. So where can we watch the match?

**Darren:** Let's ask the waitress when she comes back.

**Waitress:** Ok, one Coca-Cola and one cup of black tea with milk and sugar.

**Gary:** Cheers. Listen, where can we watch the football this afternoon?

**Waitress:** Oh yes, of course, it's Sparta vs Slavie. Sparta's stadium is in Letná...

**Darren:** What? Spar-ta? We're talking about *football*. The Premier League? United vs Liverpool?

**Waitress:** Oh, English football. Well, there's an English pub near Staroměstské náměstí.

**Gary (disgusted):** Staro – what?

**Waitress:** Staroměstské náměstí. I mean Old Town Square.

**Darren:** Old Town Square? Where's that?

**Waitress:** It's in the centre of the old town. It's the most famous square in Prague. It's in all the guide books.

**Darren:** Oh, we don't read guidebooks.

**Waitress:** I see. Well, you can take the metro to Old Town Square. A ticket costs 24 crowns.

**Gary:** 24 Crowns? What's that in pounds?

**Waitress:** I really don't know.

**Darren:** It's less than a pound, mate! Everything is so cheap here!

**Waitress:** Well, maybe for you, but for Czech people...

**Gary:** Less than a pound? So cheap! We are like kings here, Darren. Kings!

**Waitress:** I'll be back with the kings' food soon.

**Darren:** So what about after the match? We'll need some dinner.

**Gary:** Let's just go to McDonald's like we did yesterday.

**Darren:** Great idea. I might even have a chicken burger this time.

**Gary:** Well, we are on holiday, Darren. Always good to try something new.

### CD Track 2

## A Study in Charlotte by Brittany Cavallaro

**Watson:** "Why are we being framed?" I asked.

**Holmes:** "You're asking the wrong questions."

**Watson:** She said, throwing the sandwich on the floor as she stood. I picked it up and put it in the trash.

**Holmes:** "We're not on who, or why, Watson, we're still working out how. You can't make a theory before you have the facts, or you'll waste everyone's time."

**Watson:** "I don't understand," I said, because I didn't. I swear, she nearly stamped an impatient foot.

**Holmes:** "Fact one: Lee Dobson tormented me for an entire year before assaulting me on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Fact two: you and Dobson got into a fight on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Fact three: Dobson was murdered on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup>

October, close enough to both events to connect them all together. When his toxicology reports come back, they'll show that Dobson was slowly poisoned with arsenic, that it began the night you first hit him, and that the amounts increased until the night he died. I'm sure that his roommate and the nurse will tell you about the headaches, feeling sick, and so on."

**Watson:** "Jesus Christ." I looked hard at her. "Arsenic? Don't tell me you have access to arsenic."

**Holmes:** "Watson," she said patiently, "we're in the sciences building, I have the keys."

**Watson:** I put my head in my hands.

**Holmes:** "He was holding a book of your great-great-great-grandfather's stories. They'll also find that, last night, Dobson was bitten by a snake, perhaps even shortly postmortem while the blood was still warm. Remember the scale that I found on Dobson's floor?"

**Watson:** She pulled a book from the bottom of her bookshelf and threw it to me. I was surprised to see it was *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*.

**Holmes:** "No? How about the glass of milk on his bedside table? Or the vent above his bed? Come on, Watson, think!"

**Watson:** I looked down at the book in my hands, not quite believing what she was saying. "You can't be serious."

**Holmes:** "Oh, I'm quite serious. They're re-creating 'The Speckled Band.'"

### CD Track 3



## The Famous and Less Famous Kenya

The best known reserve is definitely the Maasai Mara National Reserve, spelled M A A S A I M A R A (named, as you may have guessed, after the Maasai people, the inhabitants of the area). It borders on Tanzania's Serengeti National Park in the south. Tourists travel to the reserve every year to watch the migration of wildebeest and zebras as they move from the Serengeti to the Maasai Mara. There are also big cats in the park, but they usually stay out of the way of people. If you want to see them, you'll need help from the rangers. If you like smaller parks, try Hell's Gate National Park where you can actually cycle among the animals or the Lake Nakuru National Park, spelled N A K U R U where you can watch millions of flamingos. Away from the reserves, you can also go trekking on Mount Kenya (5,199 m), the second highest mountain in Africa, or relax on one of Kenya's many beautiful beaches along the Indian Ocean.

One thing tourists might notice is that there are different prices for westerners and East Africans. It may seem unfair, but there is a good reason for it. Higher prices for tourists support the Kenyan economy, while the lower prices for locals make sure they can enjoy the beautiful wonders of their own magical country.



## Animal Smarties Dialogue

**Brian:** Welcome to Birdbrain, the podcast about animal intelligence. I'm Brian,

**June:** And I'm June. In the last episode, we were talking about how birds like ravens and crows can solve puzzles and even make tools. This episode is about animal logic, and why some birds and monkeys are smarter than little kids.

**Brian:** Last week, I took my daughter to take part in an experiment on the similarities between monkeys and children.

**June:** I've met his daughter. There are a *lot* of similarities.

**Brian:** Oi! Anyway, here's what happened.

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**Scientist:** Hello. So you must be Molly.

**Molly:** Yes.

**Scientist:** And how old are you, Molly?

**Molly:** I'm four and a quarter.

**Scientist:** OK, Molly. Can you see this box? There's a dolly inside it...

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**Brian:** Molly was trying a classic test of logical thinking. She had a locked box with a doll inside. The experimenter showed her how to unlock the box, then asked her to do it too. But there was a trick.

**June:** Only *some* of the things the experimenter showed her were necessary to open the box. A few were not. For example, he tapped the box, like this. *[tapping noise]* That wasn't important – you could open the box without tapping it. Would Molly realise she didn't have to tap the box?

**Brian:** Most children of Molly's age follow all the steps, even the unnecessary ones. They don't use logic, they just copy. As the saying is, "Monkey see..."

**June:** "...monkey do." Right? But maybe we should say "Child see, child do", because some monkeys are better at this than kids. Scientists put fruit in the box, then show the monkeys how to open it. They use some necessary actions, and some actions that do nothing. And the monkeys only do the actions that are necessary to open the box. They use logic.

**Brian:** And it's not only true with monkeys! Ravens and crows can do the same thing. If you show them how to get some food from a puzzle box, they only copy the necessary actions.

**June:** So the next time someone calls you a birdbrain, say thank you! By the way, Brian, how did Molly do in the test?

**Brian:** Um. I'm afraid she just threw the box on the floor and broke it. The experimenter said it was the fastest that any child ever got the doll!

## Cities in the Spotlight – A Review

**1** This city is called the country's cultural capital. But as well as many cultural events, there are other things like the Formula One Grand Prix and a Grand Slam tennis tournament. The locals are proud of their coffee and you can find some of the best cafes in the world here.

**2** This city has a green heart with a park right in the centre. Here you can cycle, hike and snack. What's more, the city is located on the ocean and close to the mountains, so you can do a different sport every day.

**3** They say if you can survive this city, you can survive in any city in the world. It's a big city with over 20 million people, where the richest and poorest live side by side. Inhabitants of this city love it when the monsoon comes after the terrible heat.

**4** It's one of the most densely populated cities in the world and throughout its history it has been occupied, for example by the Spanish and the Japanese. During the Second World War it was completely destroyed. The city's inhabitants are known for their hospitality.

**5** This city is one of the most historical in the UK. It has one of the most beautiful cathedrals in Europe and a Viking museum which shows what the city looked like under Viking rule.

**6** This is the largest city in the country and is known as the capital of commerce and business. It was only founded in the 19<sup>th</sup> century because gold was found in the area. The cruel system of apartheid that lasted until the early 1990s divided the city and the black population had to move to a special township called Soweto.

**7** This pretty coastal city dates back to medieval times and is famous for live music sessions. The Claddagh ring, a popular souvenir, is made here, and also a popular oyster festival is held here every year.

## Eleanor Roosevelt: Power and the President

First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was married to Franklin D. Roosevelt, the American president between 1933–1945. Mrs. Roosevelt was one of the world's most powerful women. She is especially famous for her human rights work. Her hard work to help women in politics and society changed the US forever. When Franklin Roosevelt had to use a wheelchair because of the disease polio, Eleanor Roosevelt travelled for him. In the 1930s and 1940s, she worked for greater rights and equality for African Americans. For example, when an American ladies club would not allow Marian Anderson, a black opera singer, to perform, Roosevelt invited Ms. Anderson to give a special performance at the Lincoln Memorial! After her husband died, Eleanor continued to work with the United Nations and the US government to bring equality and justice to the world until her death. What a lady!

**Interesting Fact:** Eleanor Roosevelt even refused secret service protection. She learned to shoot and had her own gun.

## Dumplings Disaster

Eating in a new country is always fun. The different flavors, the different customs, the different ways to eat the food. Living in the Czech Republic, “dumplings” are served with almost every meal. They are not the “stuffed dumplings” you might think of, but they are more like sliced bread (very thick). They are served next to (and slightly IN) a gravy, or meat sauce. The first few times I ate them, I always got weird looks from people at other tables. I had no idea why until I went on a “food tour”. During the tour, we were given dumplings in our meal and the guide said “Now, here in the Czech Republic, we don’t eat dumplings with our hands. They are served in the sauce, so you must use a fork and knife to cut them and dip them into the rest of the sauce to eat.” Yup – I had been eating them like actual slices of bread, using my hands to dip and eat them. The weird looks I had been getting? It’s because I was eating them COMPLETELY wrong. New lesson: Watch a local eat first, and do as they do: “When in Rome, do as the Romans do.”

## Summer Rain

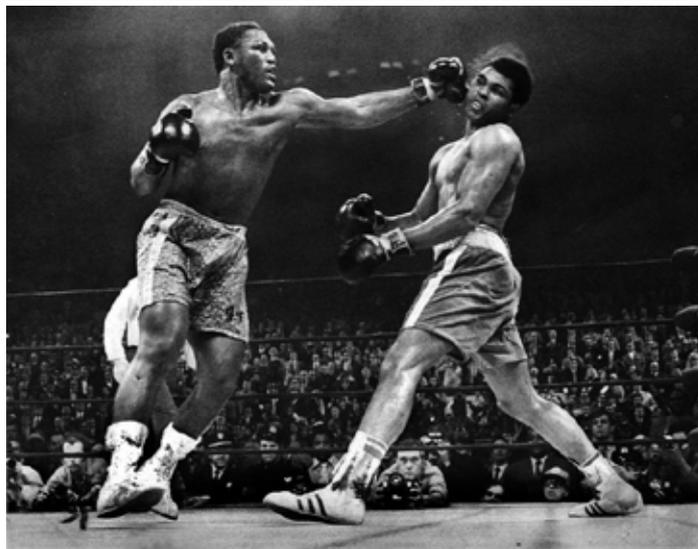
When I was 16 or 17, I went Interrailing – that’s when you buy a rail ticket that you can use for unlimited rail travel in Europe. I met an Austrian girl on my way to Seville, and we spent a great day together wandering around the town. She was Interrailing, too. We decided to see Spain together, and planned a route that took us via Barcelona.

We got to Barcelona too late to get a train anywhere else, so we decided to sleep in the station and catch one of the first trains in the morning. The police had other ideas: the station closes at night. Never mind, we thought. It’s Barcelona in summer. We can sleep in a park or something.

But it was raining. No, not raining. *Pouring*. It wasn’t raining cats and dogs so much as horses and hippos. We looked in our guidebook for hostels and ran from one to another, but every wet backpacker in the city had the same guidebook, and everywhere was full. There were people on the floors and in the corridors. We were left in the streets.

Then we saw a roof over a few tables and benches. It would do! We ran. Only to find that in Barcelona, in summer, it’s not supposed to rain. This was a *sun* shelter – and it was full of holes. We couldn’t help it. We started to laugh, and laugh, and laugh. It was just too silly.

Finally we found a place under a concrete table, and fell asleep holding each other. Lesson learnt: When your plans go disastrously wrong, laughter can be the best solution.



## Sporting Rivals

### Muhammad Ali vs Joe Frazier

Boxing has seen many rivalries over the years, but many people still believe the rivalry between American boxers Ali and Frazier to be the biggest of them all. Although they only fought each other three times, America and much of the world stood still to watch in 1971, 1974 and 1975 as the two heavyweights battled to be crowned the best in the world. Ali had the good looks, the charisma and the speed, while Frazier was a pure boxing machine, strong and powerful. As with many of the best rivalries, it was about more than just sport. Ali and Frazier hated each other, with Ali calling Frazier “ugly” and “a gorilla”. Frazier was more direct saying, “It’s real hatred. I want to hurt him. I don’t want to knock him out. I want to take his heart out”. Politics played a role too. Ali had refused to fight in the Vietnam War and so was supported by many left-wing, anti-war Americans. Frazier was the favourite of the right, who hated Ali for not fighting for his country.

The first match was called the “fight of the century” and Frazier won. Ali won the next fight to make it one-one. And so, a third match was organised in the Philippines. The “Thrilla in Manila” was one of the most brutal in boxing history, and one billion people watched on television as the two men battled it out for 14 rounds until finally Frazier’s trainer decided Frazier couldn’t continue and Ali was named the winner. Ali later said, “He could have beaten any fighter, except me. He is great – greater than I thought. He is one hell of a fighter and it was one hell of a fight.” He wasn’t wrong.

## Sporting Rivals

### Lionel Messi vs Cristiano Ronaldo

Who is the best footballer in the world today? For most people there are only two possibilities: the Argentinian Lionel Messi or the Portuguese Cristiano Ronaldo. So how to decide who is the best? They both have amazing individual talent. They are both brilliant team players. They have both won nearly everything it is possible to win with their clubs. They have played against each other 35 times with Messi on the winning side 16 times and Ronaldo 10 times. But Ronaldo has achieved more playing for his country, winning the European Championships with Portugal in 2016. Ronaldo is the better athlete and the better header of a ball, but Messi is the better passer and creates more goal-scoring opportunities for his teammates. Ronaldo has challenged himself by playing in more countries, but Messi is a one club man and a Barcelona legend. Maybe we just have to accept that it is an argument that will never have a real answer, although fans of each player are sure their man is, without question, the greatest. Football fans can be thankful though that they live in a time when they can watch two of the best players of all time every week.

### Neil Armstrong Task Solution

When Armstrong was 17 he began his studies at Purdue University. To pay for university Armstrong joined the US Navy. The navy would pay for his education and Armstrong would serve in the navy for a few years. The bad part was that the Korean War was going on at the time, and so there was the risk of getting killed.

In 1951 Armstrong was sent to Korea. He flew 78 missions during the war and was known to be a fearless pilot. Armstrong was shot down once during a bombing mission but managed to parachute safely.

After the navy he became a test pilot. The job of the test pilot is to see if a plane will really fly. The problem is that sometimes planes don't really fly. He had several crash landings in his career, but Armstrong was always saved by his quick thinking and great flying skills.

In 1962 Armstrong joined NASA as an astronaut. Compared to being a test pilot and flying war planes, being an astronaut must have been almost boring.

## LANGUAGECERT

### International ESOL

#### Achiever Level – B1

#### Part one, part one.

You will hear seven sentences twice. Choose the best reply to each sentence. Look at the example. If you hear 'Do you know where City Bank is, please? Do you know where City Bank is, please?', the best reply is (b). Put a circle round the letter of the best reply.

Number one. Number one.  
That was a lovely meal! Thank you.  
That was a lovely meal! Thank you.

Number two. Number two.  
Are you certain she's not coming?  
Are you certain she's not coming?

Number three. Number three.  
I'm afraid I can't stay any longer.  
I'm afraid I can't stay any longer.

Number four. Number four  
Could you help me with this table?  
Could you help me with this table?

Number five. Number five.  
Can I give you a lift?  
Can I give you a lift?

Number six. Number six.  
I've got that new job I went for.  
I've got that new job I went for.

Number seven. Number seven.  
How would you like your tea?  
How would you like your tea?

**That is the end of Part One.**

### Part three, part three.

Listen to the person talking. Complete the information on the notepad. Write short answers of one to three words. Look at the notepad. The first one is an example. (20 seconds) You will hear the person twice.

And now it's competition time. Here's the deal for all you hopeful radio presenters out there. We are running a competition to find a radio presenter of the future. It's for young people between the ages of fifteen and twenty-one, sorry, what am I talking about, my producer has just reminded me – it's sixteen, not fifteen. So if you want to present your own radio show, here's what you do.

Write in to me on email, that's Stu, S-T-U at diamond dot com, that's diamond dot com, with the heading 'radio presenter' and write a hundred words about what you would put on your show.

Remember, you have fifteen minutes to fill, so get thinking. You may want to play some music, give information about what's happening in the area and interview someone interesting. Our research team will help you with organising everything.

There'll be five winners, and each one'll take over a fifteen-minute slot on this radio programme for one day of the week, Monday to Friday in October. Then the listeners vote for the best one and there's a special prize at the end for the winner. More details on the prize later. I look forward to receiving your emails.

**That is the end of Part Three.**

#### CD Track 14

### “Better Now” by Post Malone

You probably think that you are better now, better now  
You only say that 'cause I'm not around, not around  
You know I never meant to let you down, let you down  
Woulda gave you anything, woulda gave you everything  
You know I say that I am better now, better now

I only say that 'cause you're not around, not around  
You know I never meant to let you down, let you down  
Woulda gave you anything, woulda gave you everything,  
oh whoa

I did not believe that it would end, no  
Everything came second to the Benzo  
You're not even speaking to my friends, no  
You knew all my uncles and my aunts though  
Twenty candles, blow 'em out and open your eyes  
We were looking forward to the rest of our lives  
Used to keep my picture posted by your bedside  
Now it's in your dresser with the socks you don't like  
And I'm rollin', rollin', rollin', rollin'  
With my brothers like it's Jonas, Jonas  
Drinkin' Henney and I'm tryna forget  
But I can't get this outta my head

*1x Chorus*

I seen you with your other dude  
He seemed like he was pretty cool  
I was so broken over you  
Life, it goes on, what can you do?  
I just wonder what it's gonna take (what's it gonna take?)  
Another foreign or a bigger chain (bigger chain)  
Because no matter how my life has changed (matter how  
my life has changed)  
I keep on looking back on better days

*1x Chorus*

I promise  
I swear to you, I'll be okay  
You're only the love of my life  
You probably think that you are better now, better now  
You only say that 'cause I'm not around, not around  
You know I never meant to let you down, let you down  
Woulda gave you anything, woulda gave you everything  
You know I say that I am better now, better now

I only say that 'cause you're not around, not around  
You know I never meant to let you down, let you down  
Woulda gave you anything, woulda gave you everything,  
oh whoa

#### CD Track 15

### “Mantra” by BMTH

Do you wanna start a cult with me?  
I'm not vibrating like I ought to be  
I need a purpose, I can't keep surfing  
Through this existential misery

Now we're gonna need some real estate  
But if I choose my words carefully  
Think I could fool you that I'm the guru?  
Wait, how do you spell epiphany?

Before the truth will set you free, it'll piss you off  
Before you find a place to be, you're gonna lose the plot  
Too late to tell you now, one ear and right out the other  
one  
'Cause all you ever do is chant the same old mantra  
Yeah

Could I have your attention, please?  
It's time to tap into your tragedy  
Think you could use a new abuser  
Close your eyes and listen carefully  
Imagine you're stood on a beach  
Water gently lapping at your feet  
But now you're sinking, what were you thinking?  
That's all the time we have this week

Before the truth will set you free, it'll piss you off  
Before you find a place to be, you're gonna lose the plot  
Too late to tell you now, one ear and right out the other  
one  
'Cause all you ever do is chant the same old mantra

And I know this doesn't make a lot of sense  
But do you really wanna think about yourself now?  
All I'm asking for's a little bit of faith  
You know it's easy to believe  
And I know this doesn't make a lot of sense  
You know you gotta work the corners of your mind now  
All I'm asking for's a little bit of faith  
You know it's easy to, so easy to believe

Before the truth will set you free, it'll piss you off  
Before you find a place to be, you're gonna lose the plot  
Before the truth will set you free, it'll piss you off  
Before you find a place to be, you're gonna lose the plot  
Too late to tell you now, one ear and right out the other  
one  
'Cause all you ever do is chant the same old mantra

**CD Track 16****“Blur” by MØ ft Foster The People**

Under the bad, bad moon tonight  
 Or baby, is it just me?  
 Or is it something in the air we breathe?  
 'Cause I'm feeling dizzy, dizzy, ah  
 How was the party? Was it treating you right?  
 I wish that I could be there but I'm  
 Under the bad, bad moon tonight  
 Baby, can you help me?

Let me out, I'm trapped in a blur  
 Started out the way I wanted but it's weird now  
 Let me out, I'm lost in the words  
 Too much in my head, I shoulda seen the bad signs  
 I wanna tell you everything will be fine  
 But I'm afraid that it's a waste of your time  
 Let me out, I'm lost in the words  
 Don't know how I ended here  
 Trapped in a blur

Hey!  
 Oh  
 Oh  
 Hey!  
 Oh

I've had these weird thoughts for a while  
 Can't shake 'em when I'm so low  
 They're combative and post-traumatic  
 All I know is when I'm stressin' out I smoke more  
 I hit my friend up on the phone  
 The only calm inside a war zone  
 Under the bad, bad moon tonight  
 I just need to come clean

Let me out, I'm trapped in a blur  
 Started out the way I wanted but it's weird now  
 Let me out, I'm lost in the words  
 Too much in my head, I shoulda seen the bad signs  
 I wanna tell you everything will be fine  
 But I'm afraid that it's a waste of your time  
 Let me out, I'm lost in the words  
 Don't know how I ended here  
 Trapped in a blur

Hey!  
 Woo!  
 Hey!  
 Trapped in a blur

Hey!  
 Trapped in a blur  
 Oh  
 Oh  
 Hey!  
 Oh  
 Woah

Let me out, I'm trapped in a blur  
 Started out the way I wanted but, it's weird now  
 Let me out, I'm lost in the words  
 Don't know how I ended here  
 Trapped in a blur

**CD Track 17****“Cool” by Jonas Brothers**

I'm feeling so cool  
 Top to the bottom, just cool  
 Every little thing that I do  
 Dammit, I'm feelin' so cool, yeah  
 Woke up feelin' like a new James Dean  
 I comb my hair like an old-school Sheen  
 I'm feelin' high like a late night summer of last year, yeah  
 Standin' there with the red dress on you  
 A Killer Queen like a young Jane Fonda  
 Is it me, or am I just havin' a good year?  
 Lately, I've been feelin' so cool (cool)  
 Top to the bottom, just cool (cool)  
 Every little thing that I do (do)  
 Dammit, I feel so cool  
 It's like, ooh (ooh)  
 Maybe I should bottle my moves (moves)  
 Sell 'em for a dollar or two (two)  
 Dammit, I'm feelin' so cool (cool)  
 Must've done something right 'cause all these  
 Lights are green, man, they look like palm trees  
 And every time that song comes on it's about me  
 Oh, I feel like Post Malone when I get home  
 Sittin' there, winnin' like it's Game of Thrones  
 And now that we've made it, how complicated was last year?  
 Lately, I've been feelin' so cool (cool)  
 Top to the bottom, just cool (cool)  
 Every little thing that I do (do)  
 Dammit, I feel so cool  
 It's like, ooh (ooh)  
 Maybe I should bottle my moves (moves)  
 Sell 'em for a dollar or two (two)  
 'Cause dammit, I'm feelin' so cool  
 Woke up feelin' like a new James Dean  
 I comb my hair like an old-school Sheen  
 When I grow up, I wanna be just like me  
 Lately, I've been feelin' so cool (cool)  
 Top to the bottom, just cool (cool)  
 Every little thing that I do (I do)  
 Dammit, I'm feelin' so cool  
 It's like, ooh (ooh)  
 Maybe I should bottle my moves (moves)  
 Sell 'em for a dollar or two (two)  
 'Cause dammit, I'm feelin' so cool  
 (Hey, hey, hey)  
 Cool